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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 491
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Clayton Lee
Carpenter, a retired East Tennessee State
University professor.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of
the death of Dr. Clayton Lee Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Frank Carpenter and Flora Lenora Muesca Carpenter
Cline, Dr. Carpenter was a native of Shelton, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, he was a distinguished graduate of Shelton High School; a 1941 graduate
of Kearney State College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree; and a graduate of the
University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he received a Doctorate Degree; and

WHEREAS this superb athlete played both high school and college football; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter went to East Tennessee State University in 1956, where he
became the first Chairman of the Department of Psychology; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, he served as Chairman and professor in that department,
receiving high accolades for his hard work, exceptional leadership and excellent teaching; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter helped establish the highly regarded Institute for Continued Learning at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he also established the important Clayton L. Carpenter and Dorothy B. Carpenter Endowment for Print and Non-Print Media in Educational Psychology for the Sherrod Library; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter was a major supporter of the East Tennessee State athletic program and a longtime member of the school Pirate Club; and

WHEREAS, he was a valued member of the Appalachian Officials Association and expertly officiated football and basketball games in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter retired as a Professor Emeritus in May, 1986 and was recognized as a Honorary Alumnus of ETSU in May, 1995; and

WHEREAS, he was an active member of Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, where he served God as an usher and member of the Solon Gentry Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter was also a veteran of the United States Navy, having served bravely for five years in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and being discharged as a full lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to his first wife, Mary Ruth Hartsell Carpenter, who is deceased, and to his second wife, Dorothy B. Carpenter, and father to Patricia L. Schiefer, and Cynthia G. Fitzgerald; and grandfather to four grandchildren, Patricia Ory, Jon Ory, Scott Fitzgerald, and Matthew Schiefer; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of a man who meant so much to Tennessee higher education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. Clayton L. Carpenter and express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.